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THURSDAY, June 24th—Three Days
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A leaflet explaining in detail the Board of Trade's recently published War Damage Insurance for Stocks and Business Equipment is also obtainable on application.

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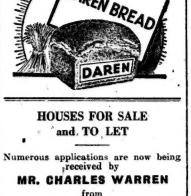
TWO "JOBS"

WESTGATE MAN WINS MILITARY MEDAL

For gallant and distinguished services in North Africa, Sgt. Thomas William Straight, East Surrey Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Straight, of Homefield, Canterbury-road, Westgate, has been awarded the Military Medal.

In letters to his parents, Sgt. Straight says he was presented with the medal ribbon by Gen. Anderson and that he gained the award for two "jobs."

Sgt. Straight is 29 years old and until joining the Army nine years ago was a baker's roundsman in Westgate. While serving in Egypt in peace-time his battalion took part in the fifth "Four Feathers" and his parents were able to recognise him when they saw the film.



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CAPT. BALFOUR FORESHADOWS NEW WORLD ORDER

MARGATE WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

"The failure of the tip-and-run raids is testimony to the courage, the tenacity and the determination of you in Margate, in Thanet, and other districts in the front line," declared Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, when he opened Margate Wings for Victory Week, on Saturday.

While Capt. Balfour was speaking, Typhoon fighters, the answer to the tip-and-run raider, and Albacore torpedo-bombers roared over Cecil-square.

Capt. Balfour said he favoured the creation of an international police force to preserve the peace.

Members of the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps formed a guard of honour at the opening ceremony, which was attended by contingents of the Armed Forces and the Civil Defence Services.

Introducing Capt. Balfour, the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said Margate had been very close to the war during the last three years and business had practically ceased.

"Yet," said the Mayor, "our courage to carry on in adversity and our faith in ultimate victory have never faltered. That we have courage and confidence in ourselves is, I think, undoubtedly proved by the fact that we are to-day launching the third special week which we have promoted since May, 1941."

More Eager.

Referring to the borough's target of £125,000 towards a joint Thanet effort of £300,000, he said he had not the slightest doubt that it would be reached. Attacks by enemy sneak raiders, he said, only made them more eager to help forward the day of victory.

Capt. Balfour paid tribute to the courage shown by Margate since the beginning of the war, and said he hoped and prayed that when peace came again the strong moral strength displayed by the town would be recognised.

Air power was now recognised as being the supreme element required for success in any campaign, went on Capt. Balfour, whether carried out by the Army or Navy. If they could have been with him on the top of the hill at Medjez el Bab when the Battle of Tunis opened they would have learnt what real air power meant.

After referring to his experiences in Tunisia, Capt. Balfour went on to speak of the development of the air offensive against Germany and the Luftwaffe's reply with tip-and-run raids, in which Margate had suffered. There would probably be more of those tip-and-run raids to come, he said, for it was a form of offence without any great risk, which allowed them to have the illusion that they were doing some good to themselves and some harm to this country.

"They are doing some harm," said Capt. Balfour, "but not the harm that can affect our war effort. The only effect is the endeavour to break the morale of our people who live in the front line of Britain, and to endeavour to force our strategy away from the offensive to the defensive.

Final Sanction of War.

"There must be more to this war than just beating the Hun," said Capt. Balfour. "Men are fighting and workers toiling in factory and field to beat the enemy, but their purpose cannot end with this, or it would be an incomplete and inadequate result for the human time and sacrifice. Our young men fight so as to become citizens in a world of to-morrow, where a repetition of history of the past 30 years shall be impossible. If it is demanded of them our men accept grandly the final sanction of war, which is death, but if they are allowed to survive they will rightly demand a world of organised security which they, those who have fallen, will have made possible of achievement.

"This need not mean a world fit for isms' or controlled by cranks. It does not necessarily imply policies of either Socialism, Liberalism or Conservatism. It is so much bigger than any of those. It means a world free action of men of goodwill and good intent. Within such a federation nations, empires, political creeds of the left, right or centre, free or controlled industry, private or public enterprise, all can have opportunity and room for movement. To create this structure is a gigantic task, too great to entrust to one party, one school of thought or any one country. It is a task of such

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Good business was done at the selling centres and Post Offices on the opening day, and the total amount invested was £18,947.

YOUNG WIFE SENT FOR TRIAL

GAS METER THEFT DENIED

A young married woman, accused at Ramsgate police court on Monday of stealing 15s. 6d. from the gas meter at her home, elected to go for trial at Sandwich Quarter Sessions.

Defendant, who denied stealing the money, was Edith Elizabeth Adams, aged 22, of Nixon-avenue.

William Albert Sutton, of Heresone-road, Ramsgate, a slot meter collector in the employ of the Gas and Water Department of Ramsgate Corporation, said that on 18th May he called at defendant's home for the purpose of emptying the gas meter. He found that the padlock had been broken off and the container was empty. The value of gas which had been consumed since the container was previously emptied was 15s. 6d.

D/C Honey said he saw defendant at the Gas and Water Offices on 21st May. She told him she had called to repay the money. Defendant said "My stepson Ernest jammed a penny in the slot and in trying to move it knocked the lock off with the hammer. I had the money and meant to pay it back." After being cautioned defendant said "I bought some baby's food and some coal with the money as I was hard up."

Witness said defendant later made a further statement, which she signed. In this statement she said she found the sum of 13s. 9d. in the container. She had tried hard to repay the money but had been unable to do so. Her husband had been on short time owing to stomach trouble.

The officer said he called at defendant's house several times but was unable to see her. He saw her stepson, Ernest, and took a statement from him.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): Is he going to be called?

C/I Butcher: He should have been here this morning as a witness for the prosecution but he has not turned up.

Defendant was committed for trial at Sandwich Quarter Sessions, to be held on 16th July, and was allowed bail in her own recognisances in the sum of £5.

Random Harvest
IS COMING TO THE
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JULY 4th FOR 7 DAYS

BOMBS BY NIGHT

Very slight damage was caused at a south-east coast town in the early hours of Sunday morning when an enemy raider dropped a bomb in a residential district.

The bomb fell on an unmade road and, fortunately, was quite a distance from any houses, but some windows were broken and tiles blown from the roofs of several buildings.

Another bomb dropped harmlessly in the sea off an adjoining town.

One bomb fell on the outskirts of another coastal town, causing blast damage to a number of houses. The majority of them were unoccupied and no casualties were reported.

BROADSTAIRS AND ST. PETER'S
WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK
26th June to 3rd July, 1943
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, 26TH JUNE

PROCESSION: OPENING CEREMONY

2.15 p.m.—Procession will leave Round-About, St. Peter's.

2.40 p.m.—Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., will take salute, War Memorial, Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs.

3 p.m.—Opening Ceremony, Broadstairs Picture House.

R.A. SPORTS, Playing Fields, Stone House School, Lanthorne Road, Broadstairs. 2 p.m.

DANCE (organised by Coast Regiment), Bohemia, Broadstairs. 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, 27TH JUNE

PARADE of 438 (Thanet) Squadron, A.T.C., Pierremont Pleasure Grounds. 11 a.m.

CRICKET MATCH, Broadstairs XI v. R.A.F. XI, Hildersham House. 2 p.m.

MONDAY, 28TH JUNE

EXHIBITION, The Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, Broadstairs. 5 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE

EXHIBITION, The Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, Broadstairs. 11 a.m.—8.30 p.m. (excepting lunch-time, 1—2.30 p.m.).

WHIST DRIVE, St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Reading Street, St. Peter's. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE

EXHIBITION, The Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, Broadstairs. 11 a.m.—8.30 p.m. (excepting lunch-time, 1—2.30 p.m.).

OPEN-AIR CHILDREN'S FETE AND BABY SHOW, Pierremont Pleasure Grounds, Broadstairs. 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1ST JULY

EXHIBITION, The Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, Broadstairs. 11 a.m.—8.30 p.m. (excepting lunch-time, 1—2.30 p.m.).

Economy Cake Competition, announcement of Results, presentation of Prizes and Auction Sale of Cakes. 3.30 p.m.

MILITARY BOXING TOURNAMENT, Pierremont Pleasure Grounds, Broadstairs. 6 p.m. (If wet, this tournament will be held on Saturday, 3rd July, at the same time and place.)

FRIDAY, 2ND JULY

EXHIBITION, The Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, Broadstairs. 11 a.m.—8.30 p.m. (excepting lunch-time, 1—2.30 p.m.).

SATURDAY, 3RD JULY

EXHIBITION, The Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, Broadstairs. 11 a.m.—8.30 p.m. (excepting lunch-time, 1—2.30 p.m.).

CHILDREN'S SPORTS, St. Peter's Recreation Grounds. 2.30 p.m.

DANCE (organised by Coast Regiment), Bohemia, Broadstairs. 7 p.m.

FEARNLEY—DRAYSON

WEDDING AT ST. GEORGE'S

Only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Drayson, of 28 Dane-crescent, Ramsgate, Miss Myrna Ivy Drayson was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday, to Cpl. James Fearnley, R.A.F., second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Fearnley, of Wrose, Shipley, Yorkshire.

The Bride.

The bride, an old girl of Park House School, is a member of the clerical staff at Newington Health Centre and her father is well-known as secretary of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club.

Wearing a dress of turquoise blue cloque, with floral hat and veil, the bride was given away by her father, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. Her attendant was Miss Pamela Beecher (cousin), who was attired in a royal blue dress, with navy blue hat, and carried yellow roses.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. D. Mayhew, and Ldg. Acm. James Whitehead, R.A.F., was best man. As the newlyweds left the church the chimes were rung by Acm. Bill Rogers, R.A.F., of Ramsgate, who returned to his station the following day after an extended leave in the town.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Oddfellows' Hall.

THE COMPANY DOG

A dog, which had been adopted as his company's mascot, landed Pte. Trefor George Davies in the defendant's box at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

P/C Thorn, who saw the dog at a military billet in Broadstairs, said defendant told him it had been with the company for about 14 months. The man who owned it had left and he had looked after it ever since.

Defendant said he had taken responsibility for the dog and had now taken out a license.

The case was dismissed.

DROPPED STEN GUN

GIRL SHOT AT MARGATE

A 17-year-old Margate girl was shot through the right lung by a bullet from a Sten gun last week.

The girl, Barbara Gregory, daughter of Mrs. Gregory, police matron, of Connaught-gardens, Margate, was on a visit to the house of a friend, where a member of the Home Guard was preparing to go on duty.

The equipment of the Home Guard, including his Sten gun, dropped on the floor and the gun went off. The magazine had previously been removed from the gun but a round had apparently been left in the breech.

Miss Gregory was taken to hospital in a critical condition but is now recovering.

MERCHANT NAVY QUEEN

TO BE ELECTED AT RAMSGATE

Ramsgate will recapture some of its peace-time summer gaiety during Merchant Navy Week, which is being held from 31st July to 7th August.

The cause of the gallant merchant seamen is an irresistible appeal in itself but if the public need any extra incentive to support this famous service it is provided in a full week of attractive events.

It will be like old times for the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Ramsgate's carnival impressario, who is in charge of the organising, for the week will have its own beauty queen. She will be elected at a concert to be given by members of a naval base at the West Cliff Theatre on 28th July, and will leave the hall with a handsome prize of £5. All other entrants will be given a "season ticket" for the week's festivities. Entries can be received now at Clarendon House.

Merchant Navy flag day will be held on 31st July. The following day, at a matinee concert at the West Cliff Theatre, notable artistes will include Denis Noble, the celebrated tenor, Wyndham Howard, a well-known illusionist, and our old friends Scott Gordon and his wife.

Other events during the week are a monster fete at Chatham House, at which a Royal Marines band will be playing, a boxing tournament arranged by a naval base, a ball at the West Cliff Theatre, a cricket match at Chatham House, and an auction sale in the gymnasium of Clarendon House. In addition the Mayor is securing the cooperation of various local organisations to hold social functions.

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Military Medal

AWARD TO RAMSGATE MAN

The award of the Military Medal to Cpl. Jack Thomas Lumpkin, of The Buffs, is announced in the "London Gazette."

Cpl. Lumpkin is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lumpkin, of 21 Hollicondane-road, Ramsgate.

Since November he has been serving in North Africa but no particulars are yet available of the exploit that won him the award.

Twenty-three years old, Cpl. Lumpkin is an old boy of Ellington School and before joining The Buffs three and a half years ago was employed as a butcher's assistant at Margate.

ORDER AGAINST FATHER

A miner who admitted being the father of the three children of a young Ramsgate woman was ordered at Ramsgate police court on Monday to pay 30s. a week for their maintenance.

Arthur Christopher Jones, aged 35, of King's-road, Aylesham, admitted being the father of the children born in September, 1936, August, 1937, and November, 1938. He offered to pay 10s. a week each in respect of their maintenance.

Called as a witness for applicant, defendant's brother, Victor Maynard Jones, said his brother and the young woman lived together for eight years. His brother had told him he was the father of the children.

The magistrates made an order for the payment of 30s. a week, together with 8s. 6d. court costs on each of the three summonses.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 11.6 p.m.	—4.58 a.m.
Wednesday	... 11.6 p.m.	—4.58 a.m.
Thursday	... 11.6 p.m.	—4.58 a.m.
Friday	... 11.6 p.m.	—4.59 a.m.
Saturday	... 11.6 p.m.	—4.59 a.m.
Sunday	... 11.6 p.m.	—5.0 a.m.
Monday	... 11.6 p.m.	—5.0 a.m.

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21 —	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
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PERSONAL

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THREE HEARTS FOR JULIA

LIONEL BARRYMORE AT ODEON

A light-hearted marital comedy, with lavish orchestral intermissions, "Three Hearts for Julia" heads the bill at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, today and tomorrow.

With Melvyn Douglas, Ann Sothern and Lee Bowman heading the cast, the story tells of the many problems that confront a wandering husband on his return to his attractive, provocative, music-loving wife. Also being shown is "Keep 'em Slugging," with the Dead End Kids and the East Side Kids.

A double feature programme is being presented for the latter part of the week. Latest of a popular series, Lionel Barrymore again contributes an excellent portrayal in "Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant." It tells how the doctor, to decide which of three applicants he shall choose as his personal aide, assigns each to a case and lets him work out his own diagnosis. This brings him into contact with a baffling amnesia case involving a beautiful young girl and her husband. The three applicants for the post of assistant are Van Johnson, Richard Quine and Keye Luke, the famous Chinese actor. The second feature being presented is "Berlin Correspondent," starring Virginia Gilmore and Dana Andrews. It is an exciting story of an American newspaper reporter's desperate adventures in his efforts to outwit the Gestapo and get the news past the German censors in Berlin in 1941.

METHODIST MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

The Rev. W. T. Sharpley, superintendent minister of the Margate Methodist Circuit for the past seven years, is to retire at the end of August.

Mr. Sharpley will remain in Margate for a further year to assist in services at churches in the circuit and will continue to live at the Manse, Cliftonville-avenue. His successor, who will be appointed at the Methodist conference, will live at the Manse, Prices'-avenue.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Birdman Deverson Sgt.-Plt. Richard Deverson's witty nature finds expression in the entertaining letters he has sent from various parts of the world to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deverson, at 80 Edith-road, Ramsgate. Since joining the Royal Air Force he has travelled many thousands of miles, training in Canada and later visiting West Africa and the Middle East before moving to his present station with the Indian Command.

In West Africa Richard learnt a new sort of English from the natives, a language so catching that he and his pal would converse something like this —"Big Chief Goodsell go down beach, get plenty swim." "Birdman Deverson him come too." He found the black boys very artful, too, particularly one who wanted to wangle a day off, explaining his reason in the words "My sister, she die." Said Richard "Is she dead?" and the black boy answered "No, she begin to." He was given the day off for his cheek.

While in West Africa Richard and his friends must have resembled convicts for the barber did not believe in sparing the scissors. "I got off lucky," he said in one letter, "for the barber left a bit on me but some of the blokes resemble coconuts to a 't.' Boy, what a slaughterhouse! Still, it's more comfortable that way out here."

Mahogany Common One thing that struck Sgt. Deverson in West Africa was that practically every wooden building or article was made of mahogany—even the tent pegs. In those regions the wood is as common as deal is in England. "It shook me," he said, "to see the old benches around the football pitch made of mahogany." Taking a walk round the Bureau of African Industries he found some fine carved mahogany tables and seats at ridiculously low prices but unfortunately they were too bulky to send home. An oval mahogany table 3ft. by 2ft., mounted on a carved elephant, was priced at 65s., and Richard estimated that he could get a home of solid mahogany together for £50.

Much of his time in that country, during the early part of this year, was spent playing cricket and chess and thrilling canoe exploits on the river.

Dealing with Rogues The scene changed forcibly when Sgt.-Plt. Deverson was transferred to the Middle East and he had an unpleasant experience in the desert one night when a terrific gale blew his tent away. The occupants were left lying on the sand with the rain pelting down and, after retrieving the canvas, they pegged down their belongings and sought shelter for the night in another tent.

After that they had leave in Cairo, a visit Richard will well remember. In one of the streets they were accosted by a man selling photographs and, in the phrases that "these rats" understand, the airman told him to "scram." He then waved his wares in front of Richard's pal and when they finally got rid of him the other chap was minus his fountain pen. Ten minutes later they met another fellow who had had the same experience—same way, same place, same chap. "There's only one safe way with paper sellers and others who wag anything in your face," he writes, "and that is to hit them hard. About six of our chaps lost pens through wearing them on their battledress instead of inside."

Mongoose v. Snake From India Sgt. Deverson sends more descriptive letters about his experiences. Bombay he found a "nice place" and there visited the silk and silver markets, ate a grand meal and visited a cinema, the cold interior of which made a welcome change from the heat. "I've just been watching an exhibition fight between a mongoose and a cobra," he says, writing of another outing. "An old boy carries the snake in a basket and the mongoose on a lead. He opens the basket and lets them get cracking. After the mongoose has beaten up the snake he parts them and then comes round for the 'backsheesh'."

An old St. Georgian, Sgt. Deverson is 22 years old and joined the R.A.F. at the beginning of 1941, celebrating his 21st birthday while training in Saskatchewan. In civilian life he was employed as a plumber by Messrs. Grummant Bros., the builders. Richard married just before going overseas and his wife is a leading aircraftwoman in the W.A.A.F.

His 18-year-old brother Hubert, an Old Ruymian, recently entered the General Service Corps after serving locally in the Home Guard, and Angus, another brother, whose wife and baby live in Marose-avenue, Northwood, is working in an aircraft factory. Mr. J. W. Deverson is a lieutenant in the Home Guard at Ramsgate and is employed by a firm of bakers.

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Ramsgate "Regular" Cpl. Charles Danton, a physical training instructor in the Grenadier Guards, recently spent nine days' leave at his home, 32 Flora-road, Ramsgate. An old Ellington schoolboy, he is 24 years old and has been serving with the regiment for six years. Prior to that he was employed by Messrs. H. J. Baldock, drapers, of Queen-street, Ramsgate. Charles had nine months in France at the beginning of the war and, after being wounded in the evacuation from Dunkirk, spent eight months in hospital.

His father, Mr. Charles Q. Danton, who was invalided out of the Navy in 1942, has two brothers in the same service. One of them, P/O Wally Danton, was on the Ajax in the action against the Graf Spee. Cpl. Danton's cousin, Dvr. Edward Danton, of 9 Cross-street, Ramsgate, has been serving in the Royal Engineers for three years and has just spent three months in hospital. He is an old St. Georgian.

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Stretcher-Bearer One of the many local building operatives who entered the forces at the end of 1942, Pte. George Holloway, whose wife lives at 30 Vale-road, Ramsgate, has been serving in the R.A.M.C. as a stretcher-bearer for the past six months and he is now engaged on an important course. George is 32, an old boy of St. Lawrence School, and before joining the Army worked as a carpenter for Mr. J. B. Sharman, the builder. Pte. Holloway's son recently celebrated his fifth birthday.

The Editor invites you to send in news of your relatives in the forces.

Landed in Portugal Strictly speaking the heading of this feature does not apply to Sgt. Air/Gnr. Albert William Buddle, R.A.F., for, temporarily at any rate, he is "off service.' Bert is at present experiencing a leisurely life as "guest" of the Portugese Government. He is the elder son of P/S W. Buddle, of Ramsgate police, and Mrs. Buddle, who live at 21 Nethercourt-gardens, Ramsgate.

About two months ago the bomber in which Sgt. Buddle was serving was forced to make a landing a few miles away from Lagos, Portugal, and the crew of five were interned. Some idea of the great welcome they received can be gained from a letter sent by a Lagos resident, extracts from which appeared in "The Times."

"Lagos," it says, "is a place where nothing ever happens, but this week we have broken the rule, for everybody has been wildly excited by the presence of five British airmen. They had made a forced landing some few miles away. They delighted all with their clean, fresh youth and their bright, intelligent look, and they were really very nice boys. Word had gone round that they were coming and although it was early morning quite a crowd had gathered to see them. They were placed in our only hotel. . . .

"When, soon after, I took them for a swim it was like a triumphal procession. They were followed by an admiring crowd. All the women of Lagos seemed to have got to the windows and balconies, men shouted greetings and one man rushed into the road, gave one of them a big handshake and said proudly 'Glad to meet you. Won't you sit down?' He had evidently heard the phrase often in the cinema."

Drinks on the Priest After lunch on that day the five popular heroes went to a cafe for coffee and brandy. Every table was full, there was no standing room and a mob had gathered at the door. Soon after they were seated a lad came with a bottle of port and a card saying that it was to drink to the victory of the Allies. Shortly afterwards came five bottles of port—one for each airman—with similar wishes, and the bill for this was paid by a priest from a neighbouring town.

"This sort of thing went on all the time," said the letter-writer, "and after dinner they were glad to have an evening in my room reading, smoking some of the hundred cigarettes that had been given them and listening to the B.B.C. programme for the forces overseas."

The following day the airmen were given a grand send-off when they left for Elvas, a town where there are some other British airmen, and where the above photo of Bert was taken.

Man of Action In spite of the hospitable treatment he is receiving, Sgt. Buddle isn't altogether happy in his new surroundings for he's a man of action and longs to get back in the air once again. His present occupation of making model planes and flying them from a nearby sports field, to the delight of the local youth, is a tame contrast to the job he has been doing. Bert will not be 22 until August but he has taken part in many operations over Germany and the occupied countries. He's had some exciting and unpleasant adventures on those trips but says little about them.

Bert joined the R.A.F. immediately after the raid on Ramsgate in August, 1940. He was married last January to Miss Mamie Keeling who, like himself, was educated at St. George's Central Schools.

Ken, his younger brother, is working in a Home Counties town, where he is a member of the Home Guard, but he hopes shortly to join the Royal Navy. He is at present holidaying in Ramsgate.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MARGARET MATSON

The Rector of Holy Trinity (the Rev. A. H. Culmer) officiated when the funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mrs. Margaret Matson, wife of Mr. A. F. Matson, who passed away at her home, 80 Grange-road, Ramsgate, at the age of 60 years.

Floral tributes were received from: Husband; Frank and Dora; Margaret and Frank; Maggie, Bert and Jessie; Will and Eva; Alice (Lewisham); Florrie and Will (Minster); Jane; Mary and Amy (Wimbledon); Michael; Will and family (Lewisham); Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs and family; Miss Melhuish; Miss Laslett; Jennie, Madeline and Ernie (Wisbech); R. G. Dunn and Sons; Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P.; Mrs. Spencer and Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Daisy and Pat; Southwood and St. Lawrence Wards, Conservative Association; Chairman and members of the Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Conservative Association; Ramsgate British Legion, Women's Section; Mr. and Mrs. Aust; Mr. and Mrs. Arter; Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate, was the undertaker.

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Coastguards at "Action Stations"

SPLIT-SECOND OBSERVATION SAVES LIVES

Little has been heard of the part played in this war by His Majesty's Coastguards. Yet for the past three and a half years they have kept their constant watch around our shores.

In the south-eastern division alone, some 500 coastguards have been maintaining the closest coastal guard in our history from the Thames to the Isle of Wight. Their object has been simply expressed by their Inspector who said: "Nothing is going to come ashore in this area without the Coastguard knowing about it.

"They are splendid fellows," said the Inspector. "Very few of them are less than 40. The oldest I know is 76, and their average age exceeds 50.

"Yet day and night, through all weathers, they keep their constant watch and patrol. Many of them cycle miles through wind and rain, sometimes through snowdrifts, to reach their lonely posts. They have been machine gunned and bombed. But the watch has never failed and there is never a post unmanned."

Ex-officer Auxiliaries

For wartime service several thousand auxiliary coastguards have been enrolled. A considerable number of old soldiers have been attracted to the Coastguards. Sixty to seventy per cent. of the South Eastern Division auxiliaries were in the Army in the last war, and several were in the war before that, and wear the South African Medals on their battledress. Some of these men were majors and captains, and one was an Engineer Captain of the Royal Navy.

The Coastguards of the South Eastern Division have the most varied and busiest task in the whole service. They must co-operate at various times with:

The Navy: to give immediate notice of any suspicious vessels seen off the shore, or the dropping of mines by hostile aircraft;

The Army: to ensure that any enemy landing attempt can be dealt with immediately;

The Air Force: to assist in the valuable work of Air/Sea Rescue in the Channel and the North Sea;

The Observer Corps: to indentify any low-flying enemy planes over the sea which may have escaped the observers further inland;

The Police: In the normal course of their peacetime duties of guarding the foreshore and dealing with wrecks, salvage and general rescue work.

War-time Battledress

H.M. Coastguards are today operated by the Admiralty and administered by the Ministry of War Transport. Their wartime uniform is khaki battledress with black shoulder badges, Naval caps, and cap badge and buttons with the "C.G." monogram under the Crown. The officers wear black braid for their rings of rank instead of Naval gold lace. The Inspectors are retired Captains and Commanders of the Royal Navy. A large proportion of their subordinate officers are former Chief Petty Officers or Petty Officers with years of Coastguard service behind them.

Their watching posts are built more for utility than comfort. Most of the main stations are well-equipped, but for many of the auxiliary stations accommodation has been improvised. Many large beach huts have been called into service, fitted with telephone, heating apparatus and essential comforts.

South-Eastern Coastguards have to be more than merely tireless watchers. They have to know the rudiments of pilotage to enable them to give accurately the position of any object they are reporting. If they see an enemy plane dropping mines, for instance, they have to fix, in the brief moment available, the positions of both the plane and the mine.

They have their "action stations" in the same way as a ship at sea. The telephone is their main stand-by for reporting, and they are connected to all service headquarters in the neighbourhood. Fireworks and flares are used in emergency.

Linking with R.A.F.

Liaison with the R.A.F. is a new feature of coastguard work which the war has brought about, and on the South-East coast this is one of their most important duties.

"The life of many a valuable pilot has been saved by the watchfulness of a Coastguard," said the Inspector. "Wherever planes have crashed within sight of shore, the positions have been accurately fixed and the Air/Sea Rescue organisation informed at once. Some times within five minutes of the aircraft crashing or the pilot baling out, a high speed launch has been dashing to his rescue."

Coastguards' peacetime work of guarding the foreshore, protecting public rights; rescuing lives from wrecks; salvaging wreckage; and acting generally as coastal police, still goes on. Much of their work is monotonous and needs infinite patience. They have had little public praise or reward for it. But the Navy, the Army and Air Force know the work they are doing, and they are thankful.

MAGICIAN AT ODEON

Friday's stage show at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, promises to be one of the best that have yet been presented in the popular service night programmes.

Star of the entertainment will be Anthony Norman, M.B.M.S., a professional magician, now a gunner in the Royal Artillery. His intriguing turn "Bewitched and Bewildered" will take up 20 minutes of the show, and other artistes well-known on the stage in peace-time will include L/Bdr. Wright, formerly a pianist in Teddy Joyce's band, a swing singer from the A.T.S. and a Royal Air Force tenor.

Last Friday's talent contest winner was L/Bdr. Stiling, R.A., a highly talented pianist. Wren Bull, singing "Sleepy Lagoon," was second, and Gnr. Lawrence, R.A., another vocalist, third. Other competitors were Pte. Bentley, A.T.S., and Gnr. Gallagher, R.A., and Mr. A. T. Burley, a guest pianist, played popular selections.

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Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Thursday.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. C Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Friday.—All officers at Bn. H.Q. at 19.15 hrs.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjutant for Commanding Officer.

MARGATE SEA CADET CORPS

T/S. Admiral Vivian.

Orders for the week ending 26th June.

To-day.—18.30 hrs., parade and instruction, dress No. 3.

Friday.—18.30 hrs., parade and instruction, dress plain.

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THE FOOD FRONT

PRIZEWINNING VILLAGE RECIPES

1,999 Woman's Institutes, representing at least 1,000,000 country women, have just taken part in a nation wide competition for the best country potato dishes.

After careful sifting of recipes area by area, four dishes were chosen as prizewinners, a first and second for the North, and the same for the South. These prizewinning dishes were then cooked in the Ministry of Food's Kitchens in London where Lord Woolton sampled them and presented Certificates to the prizewinners.

Here are three of the prizewinning recipes. Very tasty and toothsome, simple to make, all the ingredients easy to get, and all for 4 people.

Sausage and vegetable pie

(Prizewinners from the North)

For the pastry
3ozs. self-raising flour or plain flour
6ozs. mashed potato
Salt
½ teaspoonful baking powder
1½ozs. cooking fat
Water

Sieve flour, salt and baking powder. Rub in the fat. Add potato. Mix to a stiff paste with water.

Filling
½lb. sausage meat
4ozs. carrots
Small tin baked beans
3 tablespoonsful water or stock
6ozs. potato
Small onion
A little sage
Salt and pepper

Slice potatoes very thinly, cover bottom of pie dish. Grate carrot and chop onion. Sprinkle half of each over the potato and season. Add half the beans. Put in the sausage meat. Cover with remainder of vegetables in layers. Season. Add stock. Cover with potato pastry. Bake in fairly hot oven for 30 minutes, then reduce heat to moderate for 15 minutes. Serve hot with white or cheese sauce and a freshly cooked vegetable in season.

Potato Pie

(Prizewinner from the South)

2lbs. cooked potatoes
4ozs. cheese
1½ozs. margarine
4ozs. cooked carrot and cabbage
1 finely chopped onion

Mash potatoes with margarine, salt and pepper, and line a pie dish with them. Cover with layers of carrot and cabbage, sprinkled with chopped onion, grated cheese, seasoning and a few drops of Worcester sauce. Cover with mashed potato and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Cheese and potato lunch

(Runner-up from the South)

1lb. potatoes
¾ teacup of rolled oats
1 teaspoonful dry mustard
1oz. margarine
¾ teacupful grated cheese
Pepper and salt

Boil the potatoes and mash with a little milk: Season with pepper and salt and spread evenly in a sandwich tin. While the potatoes are cooking, mix together in a bowl the oats, cheese, pepper, salt and mustard. Pour over this the margarine melted, and mix to a stiff paste. Spread on top of the potato and cook in a hot oven for about 10 minutes, until a nice golden brown. Decorate with parsley and serve.

Potatoes left over from a meal can be used this way.

Billeting Arrears

RAMSGATE PARENTS IN COURT

"Apparently they are under the erroneous idea that their children can be maintained at the expense of the State," declared Mr. E. R. G. Weale, at Ramsgate police court, when three Ramsgate parents were summoned for failing to pay billeting charges.

Edward Henry Danton, Civil Defence Worker, of Cross-street, admitted owing to the Ministry of Health the sum of £15 12s. on an assessment of 12s. a week in respect of his three children, covering a period from 27th November to 26th May.

Mr. Weale, who prosecuted, said defendant had three children in the official reception area. His wages were £3 16. a week. The total amount of arrears was considerably in excess of the amount being claimed. Defendant had not attempted to pay anything in spite of letters and reminders. Defendant had other children working and they must be bringing some money into the home. The assessment of 4s. a child was very reasonable and was far less than the amount which would be needed if defendant kept them at home.

Defendant told the magistrates that he sent the children money for clothes and spending money and could not afford anything more.

The magistrates made a order for the payment of the amount claimed at the rate of 10s. a week, plus 7s. 6. costs.

There was a similar summons against John Robert Wilkinson, builder's labourer, of Hertford-street.

In this case, said Mr. Weale, the total amount of arrears was £59 1s. 6, but only £15 12s. was being claimed. Defendant's wages were £4 0s. 1. a week.

"I believe the families in these two cases are connected," said Mr. Weale. "Apparently they are under the erroneous idea that their children can be maintained at the expense of the State."

An order was made for the payment of 12s. a week off the arrears and 8s. 6. costs.

On behalf of the Ministry of Health Mr. Weale accepted the offer of Richard James Moyes, of Hertford-place, to pay 10s. a week off a debt of £7 16s. Defendant was ordered to pay 7s. 6d. costs.

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COAL SUPPLIES DURING APRIL MAY & JUNE

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of premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1942 (except Hospitals and Schools, which are not carried on for purposes of gain).

Group 1. COAL (other than those grades mentioned below).

Except by licence, supplies to any controlled premises may not exceed 1 ton during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the stock of this fuel at any premises above 2 tons.

Group 2. COKE of sizes not exceeding 1½in., Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes not exceeding 1½in., Kent dry steam coal of all sizes and all manufactured fuels.

Except by licence, supplies to any premises of fuels in this group may not exceed a total of 1 ton **per month** and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the total stock of these fuels at any premises above 4 tons.

Fuels in this group may be acquired **in addition to** those under Group 1.

The following fuels are not subject to any restrictions as to quantity:

(a) coke, anthracite, and Welsh dry steam coal of larger sizes than those in Group 2.

(b) coke breeze, anthracite duff, washery slurry and bituminous fines not exceeding one-eighth of an inch.

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer, it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed the quantities specified or to obtain any of these fuels otherwise than from your registered supplier.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises depends on the state of local supply.

Consumers whose requirements justify the holding of larger stocks are invited to apply for licences for stocking, during the summer, such quantities as will meet their reasonable winter requirements. Enquiries should be addressed to the Local Fuel Overseers at:

Ramsgate— R. D. Brimmell, Clarendon House, Ramsgate.

Margate, Westgate & Birchington— P. T. Grove, Royal School, Victoria Road, Margate.

Eastry and District— Fred A. Cloke, St. Albans Court, Nonington, Nr. Dover.

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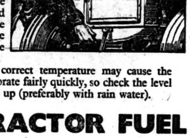

Running at the correct temperature may cause the cooling water to evaporate fairly quickly, so check the level every 4 hours and top up (preferably with rain water).

SAVE TRACTOR FUEL

Ask your County Committee for a free copy of Tractor Maintenance Chart, which shows you how to save fuel.

TO SPRAY OR NOT TO SPRAY

This question is not always easy to answer. The man who says he sprayed last year, saw no good results and is not going to spray this year, has missed the point. He would never say that because he didn't have a fire last year he is not going to renew his fire insurance. Yet the two cases are parallel, the main difference being that the potato blight premium costs more money and trouble than the fire premium. Another difference, of course, is that potato blight is not likely to take the whole crop, even if it is a fairly bad blight year, whereas fire might easily destroy all the farm buildings.

Is spraying worth while, then? The answer is "Yes," without hesitation, in two areas of England—the south-west where blight always appears earliest, and the fen districts around the Wash, where dry spraying or dusting is the rule. In these areas spraying pays about four years out of five; it ought to be a routine practice of every potato grower. And that is true of the whole of Wales.

The question for the rest of the country is not so easy to answer. In the north, spraying is not generally recommended, as blight usually comes too late to affect the yield seriously. But the further south one goes, the earlier blight may put in an appearance and the more it may reduce yields. A good crop puts on a ton an acre per week in July and August, and at least half a ton per week in the first half of September. If blight kills the haulm by the middle of August, therefore, the yield will be reduced by at least three tons per acre. Two sprayings at 30s. per acre would be paid for five times over by an extra three tons of potatoes per acre.

This happens, of course, only if blight kills the haulm as early as the middle of August. Records show that every now and again it does, but that on the average over a number of years spraying gives about an extra ton to the acre in most places in the south. Of course, the benefit from spraying varies with the variety. King Edward, Up-to-Date and British Queen take blight easily, and the gain is more with them than with other varieties.

No one can tell whether blight will come early this year or not. But if ever there was a year when the insurance value of spraying was worth while it is this year, when every extra ton of food will count. Every spraying machine should, therefore, be used to the full, first to safeguard susceptible varieties and then to be held in readiness for spraying other varieties—if blight appears early.

POLICE SHOOTING

Ramsgate Division, K.C.C., lost by 31 shots (362-331) when they entertained Margate Division in a shooting match on Tuesday.

The individual scores were:

Ramsgate: P/C Shanahan 41, P/C Scott 45, W/R Ludeman 40, P/C Housden 41, S/Sgt. Fearn 48, P/S Jenner 46, P/S Rogers 32, S/C Luckett, 38. Margate: Inspr. Croucher 50, P/C Richford 44, P/C Wood 43, D/C Tinson 42, P/S Sutherland 50, P/C Balaam 42, P/C Brisley 45, P/C Cook 46.

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RESTARTING AFTER THE WAR

THANET APPEAL FOR GOVERNMENT AID

The difficulties with which traders are likely to meet after the war and measures which the Government might take to assist are under consideration by the Thanet Chambers of Commerce.

Government credit facilities, it is felt, should be available in order that businesses can be restarted and hotels and boarding houses reopened.

The case is being presented to Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for the division, and delegates have been appointed to discuss the matter with him.

An interesting memorandum on the position of traders in evacuation areas has been received from Southend, Westcliff and District Chamber of Trade, who advocate concerted action by east and south-east coast towns and a new and direct approach to the Government by the National Chamber of Trade to emphasise the acute financial problems in coastal evacuation areas, to which, it is contended, too little attention has so far been paid by the Government.

The following suggestions are made in the memorandum in the hope that they may form a basis for action:

(1) The Defence (Evacuation Areas) Regulation, 1940 (known as the Moratorium Order), should be superseded as soon as possible by new regulations so designed as to cover those problems of long-term evacuation and post-war settlement to which there was no time to give attention in 1940;

(2) Definite rights to substantial measures of relief from local rates should be granted, on specified terms, to the two main classes of affected ratepayers; (a) those who went away from the towns at the Government's behest, but left furniture and fittings in their homes or business premises, (b) those who stayed in the towns to perform essential services, but who, nevertheless, suffered severely as a result of evacuation;

(3) The Government should waive its right to be repaid 25 per cent. of the amounts which it has contributed and will be continuing to contribute to local authorities in the coastal evacuation areas to make up deficiencies of rating and other revenue resulting from evacuation;

(4) A measure of assistance should at once be extended to owners and mortgagees of empty or partially empty properties by relieving them of the whole or a substantial part of their liabilities to pay heavy war damage contributions;

(5) The Government, as the responsible party, should bear the cost of running whatever schemes of assistance might be decided upon.

National Savings.—Savings certificates £761 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £503 made up a total of £1,264 invested at Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 12th June.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

TIME TO KISS AGAIN

BY *Philip Neville*

When Jimmy James married Elspeth it was a very happy day for them both. But it was doubly happy for Jimmy. At last he could have a home, not only for himself and Elspeth, but for the thirty-five clocks that he had collected in ten years and kept in storage. For time was his hobby, and had been ever since he inherited Grandpa Jimmy James's watch at the age of twelve

At least, it had been his hobby until hoarded pocket-money had filled the other three pockets in his waistcoat with extra watches. Pretty soon time had become his master, what with him adjusting all those watches to synchronise and be dead on the dot with the Big Ben he passed on his way to work. Why, he'd even been known to pop his head into shop doorways and tell watchmakers that their clocks were wrong. And one reason why he was pretty nearly a teetotaller was that public-house clocks had D.T's, as he put it.

Well, there it was. At twenty-eight, he had a home of his own and a wife and thirty-five clocks to put in it. Grandfather clocks, alarm clocks, electric clocks, and a cuckoo clock—all to be synchronised, so that they were dead right by the four watches he always carried, and wound and tended to before he could have a moment's peace.

At first Elspeth, a rosy-cheeked, merry-eyed girl, thought it great fun to have so many clocks with so many voices, all proclaiming the time at the same moment. And the ticking from every mantelpiece and corner was a reminder of Jimmy during the lonely hours of the day.

Every evening when Jimmy came home he'd rush round the house checking the clocks by his watches, and pretty soon he had them all as accurate as the sun—that is, all except one.

"Listen to that!" he said, on their first Saturday afternoon in their new home. "Cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo —and it's barely half-past two. It doesn't know the meaning of time."

"That's why I like that clock best of all," said Elspeth, happily. "It doesn't care a cuckoo for time. Just pops its old head out and puts its fingers to its nose at old Father Time."

Jimmy was greatly shocked. "My dear Elspeth," he said, "time's valuable; it means money."

Elspeth laughed, and flung her arms round his neck. "Silly old Jimmy! Time's just something to make the most of."

Jimmy agreed with that, but not quite in the reckless way Elspeth did. The only time was the right time to him. And just at that moment it was time to put the cuckoo right. Which he did, causing a little line of perplexity to come between Elspeth's two smiling eyes. But that was only the first line that came to her youthful forehead.

In about three months there were lines of listening all over that forehead, listening to clocks ticking and waiting and hoping when they all chimed the hour. Waiting for the inevitable unison of mechanical opinion and hoping for discord among their family of clocks. But only the cheery cuckoo made a mockery of time. If he felt like popping out, he popped out, regardless of time. He nearly drove Jimmy crazy, but he certainly kept Elspeth sane.

"But there's only one time," Jimmy said, "and that's the right time. What would we do if our trains didn't start on time?"

"Catch them," Elspeth replied. "At least I would."

For six months Elspeth put up with the ticking and the chiming of the passing hours—and then she struck.

"Jimmy," she said, "I love you even more than I hate those clocks. But I can't stand it any longer. Either they go, or I do."

"Don't be silly!" said Jimmy. "I've taken ten years to collect those clocks, and I'll bet I'm the only man to have thirty-five clocks chiming on the dot; and ——" It being ten-to-eight, the cuckoo clock interrupted him to strike nine. "Er—thirty-four, I mean."

"You're the one who's silly!" said Elspeth, not looking a bit happy. "Because I'm going back to my mother. When you throw all those clocks out, I'll come home again. And I'm taking the cuckoo clock with me. You'd only be cruel to it."

Now it mustn't be thought that Jimmy was glad when she left. He loved her very much, and he was unhappy to see her go. And being obsessed by his clocks, he thought he had only to give her time and she'd return. But if his clocks were right, he was wrong. A week went by, and there was still no Elspeth, nor any word either. So feeling rather lonely and miserable, he phoned her and arranged to meet her. She turned up ten minutes late to find him comparing his watch with a clock nearby.

"Oh, darling!" she exclaimed, "cuckoo popped out four times at five, and I thought I'd be early and have to wait."

"Early!" Jimmy replied, bitterly. "You're ten minutes late!"

"Then I'll stay twenty minutes longer with you than we intended." said Elspeth, beaming at him. "And maybe it'll be a whole hour if we forget the time."

It wasn't then but about four meetings later that Jimmy began to find himself forgetting all about time when he was with Elspeth. "You know," he said, "I haven't looked at my watch once to-night."

"There!" exclaimed Elspeth, squeezing his arm. "You're beginning to learn that the only right time is the time when you're happy—no matter what the clock says." And when Jimmy looked at his watch and found it was an hour later than he thought it was a drop or two of understanding began to trickle into his mind.

And because he at last began to realise that love is much more valuable than time, and that Elspeth was more to him than all the clocks in creation, he didn't wind one of them when he went home that night. Why, he even pulled out the switches of the electric clocks.

But unwound clocks soon forget all about time, and the ringing that woke him next morning was not the alarm, but the front door bell. And there, when he got to the door in panic-stricken haste, was Elspeth. "Darling!", she said, kissing him rapturously. "I couldn't bear it any longer. It's time I looked after you again."

So he shaved to the sound of Elspeth's singing and to the smell of frying bacon. And only when he came rushing down the stairs did he realise all the clocks had stopped and he didn't know the time. But even that was not nearly so important as the sight of Elspeth happily laying the breakfast-table—not until eight "cuckoos" piped out from the kitchen.

Elspeth nodded gaily. "I brought him back with me."

Jimmy miserably reached for his hat. "And all he does is remind me I've got to dash off to work, and leave you."

Elspeth just smiled, reached for the telephone and dialled Tim. "Dear old cuckoo must have done that to tell us we've a whole half-hour together," she said, putting down the receiver. "It's just seven-thirty."

And that's why now, although there are thirty-five clocks and four watches in the James's family, there's only one tells the time. And that's just about as happily cuckoo as Elspeth and Jimmy.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Constructed by soldiers, members of the police force and Corporation workmen, the raid shelter in the grounds of St. Luke's Church is the best that Ramsgate possesses. It extends for seventeen feet below the surface.

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Well known as a singer and elocutionist on Thanet platforms, Miss Olive Harvey was married at Hardres-street Methodist Church, Ramsgate, on Thursday, to Lieut. Abner Roberts, R.N.R.

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Pte. Maurice F. Cooper, R.A.M.C. of Stanley-cottages, Ramsgate has been awarded the Military Medal for carrying a wounded man to safety under heavy shellfire while wounded himself. Pte. Cooper, who has served in France for two years, is an old boy of St. George's Central School.

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In order that no one in Ramsgae shall be kept in suspense as to whether or not the all clear has sounded cadets of the Church Lads' Brigade will sound their bugles..

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Pte. W. H. J. Emery, Royal Fusiliers, of 4, Brunswick-street, Ramsgate, who was reported missing in April, has now written home saying he is a prisoner of war in Limberg. Before joining the Army he was a member of the local Salvation Army band.

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Major T. H. Sebag-Montefiore, R.F.A., fourth son of Mrs. Sebag-Montefiore, of Ramsgate, has been awarded the D.S.O. for services in France and Italy. At present he holds a staff appointment but in the early months of the war was in the thick of the fighting on the Somme.

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The medal of the Order of the British Empire has been gained by Mrs. E. K. Kitchen, daughter of Mrs. Stokes, of 2 Richborough-road, Westgate, for the courageous manner in which she carried on her work as telephonist during an air raid.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

FUN ON THE BRISTOL

Large numbers of people have assembled nightly at Sanger's Amphiteatre, Ramsgate, to witness the performance of the "original American eccentric musical comedy oddity" entitled "Fun on the Bristol." The company is a clever and brilliant one and the scenery effective. Mr. W. R. Morand, as the widow O'Brien, has the brunt of the play on his shoulders, but he carries his part through with great success. He is ably supported by Mr. William Dever, enthusiastically received for his song "The Sailor's Grave." Mr. James McWilliam takes the role of Thomas Cranberry, an irascible old gentleman, and affords a vast fund of amusement. Of the ladies the palm must be given to Miss Mary Thorn, a charming little actress with a neat figure.

WONDERFUL WORK

MARGATE RED CROSS FLAG DAY

A high total of £177 was raised by the flag day collection in aid of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation held at Margate, Westgate and Birchington.

During the day the organisers received a visit from the Marchioness Camden, C.B.E., joint president of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation in Kent, who was accompanied by Lady Broome, assistant county director of the Red Cross. Ward commandants and some of the principal workers for the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund in the borough were present when the visitors were entertained to tea by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. F. I. Cornford).

The Mayor thanked Lady Camden for her interest in Margate and for encouraging them in their Red Cross work.

In reply, Lady Camden said Margate, having regard to its difficult circumstances, was doing wonderful work on behalf of the prisoners.

Sgt. D. B. PELL

ENGLAND RUNNER KILLED

An Old Ruymian who became one of England's greatest mile runners, Sgt. Dennis Britton Pell, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pell, formerly of Westbury-road, Westgate, has been reported killed on active service.

Sgt. Pell entered the service three years ago as a physical training instructor but later volunteered for flying duties and was training as a pilot at the time of his death.

Twenty-six years of age, he left Chatham House to enter the civil service at New Scotland Yard. He married five years ago and there is one son.

When only 15 years old Sgt. Pell began his athletic career by running at the White City. Among the competitors in the mile race at that meeting was Sydney Wooderson, holder of the world record, who won the event and Sgt. Pell came second.

Sgt. Pell represented Great Britain on 12 occasions and two weeks before the war broke out was in Germany for an international sports meeting. But for the war he would have represented Great Britain in the 1940 Olympic Games.

In 1939 Sgt. Pell defeated Rideout, the American, who beat Wooderson when the latter visited America.

Sgt. Pell's fastest time for the mile was 4 mins. 11 1/5th secs., when he came second to Wooderson at the White City.

DISTURBED NIGHT

BOMBS ON S.E. COAST TOWNS

Although many people had a disturbed night, damage was comparatively slight and there were no casualties when a few bombs were dropped on a south-east coast district in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The raider which made the attack was hotly engaged by anti-aircraft fire.

One bomb fell in a disused cutting on the outskirts of the town and many windows were blown out of a large building nearby.

A number of small houses also suffered from the effects of blast and several people awoke to find that their ceilings had fallen down on them.

In an adjoining town a bomb dropped close to the home of a member of the local council who, together with his wife, was away on holiday at Salisbury.

The house suffered badly from blast, all the windows and doors being blown in and most of the roof tiles carried away.

Several other houses in the vicinity sustained minor damage.

Presumed Dead

CORONER AND AIR RAID VICTIMS

An enquiry concerning Mr. Richard John Denchfield and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Denchfield, who were reported missing after their home had been demolished during a recent raid on a south-east coast town, was held on Wednesday.

The Coroner heard evidence that the couple were in their home shortly before the raid and he came to the conclusion that they lost their lives by enemy action.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY

SUCCESSFUL RAMSGATE COLLECTION

The flag day at Ramsgate in aid of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation realised the splendid total of £118 13s. 3d.

The Mayoress (Mrs. Kempe) and the Mayor's secretary (Mrs. D. Peete), who organised the effort, wish to thank the members of the Ramsgate Divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, wardens, matron and nurses of Ramsgate General Hospital, and all who assisted in the collection.

Individual amounts collected were: Mrs. Gummer, £6; Southern Railway, £4 11s. 1½d.; Mrs. Nicholls (Montague-road), £3 12s. 3d.; Mrs. Nicholls (St. Luke's-avenue), £3 10s. 11½d.; Mrs. Hall, £3 8s. 7d.; Mr. Scott (Southern Railway), £3 6s. 1d.; Mrs. Neeves, £3 2s. 6d.; Misses Barnes and Crow (S.R. ambulance), £3 0s. 6d.; Nurse Wilson, £3 0s. 3½d.; Mrs. Todd, £2 19s. 4d.; Miss LeGallais, £2 15s.; Mrs. Scott, £2 8s. 4½d.; Mrs. Flowerdew, £2 8s.; Wren Barrett, £2 3s. 5½d.; Miss Quick, £2 3s. 1d.; Mrs. Shelton, £2 2s.; Matron, Ramsgate General Hospital, £2 4s. 5d.; Northwood Fire Station, £2 0s. 4½d.; Mrs. Janes, £2 0s. 4d.; Mrs. Baker, £1 18s. 8d. Miss G. Fenn, £1 16s. 1½d.; Mrs. Young, £1 15s. 5½d.; Mrs. Britton, £1 19s. 1d.; Mrs. Sutton Smith, £1 6s. 7½d.; Mrs. Adams, 18s. 7d.; Mrs. Pook, £1 11s. 7d.; Miss Robinson, £1 13s. 6½d.; Mr. Green, 6s. 6d.; Miss P. Neep, 19s. 9d.; Nurse Howells, £1 11s. 8d.; Miss Heather Wells, 10s.; Mrs. Bush, 16s. 6d.; Mr. Privett, 17s.; Mr. White, 13s. 6d.; Southern Railway, £1 19s. 7½d.; Miss Williams, 17s. 3d.; Cdt. Watson, 7s. 7d.; Mr. Bean, 11s. 8d.; Mr. Dawson, 10s. 1d.; Cdt. Wonford, 14s. 2½d.; Cdt. Apps, 2s. 3d.; Cdt. Boddington, 3s. 7½d.; Cdt. Watson, 5s. 2½d.; Cdt. Edwards, £1 3s. 7d.; Mr. Hobday, 2s. 7½d.; Dvr. Carlton, 16s. 1½d.; Mr. Norris, 15s. 7½d.; Mrs. Bishop, £1 3s.; Nurse Small, 17s. 5½d.; Nurse Willett, £1 4s. 11d.; Nurse Deverson, £1 8s. 3d.; Miss Privett, £1 6s. 9d.; Mrs. Siminson, £1 4s. 4½d.; Mrs. Rose, £1 0s. 0½d.; Miss Newing, 13s. 4d.; Nurse Digweed, £1 1s. 7½d.; Nurse Miller, 14s. 9d.; Mrs. Kirkaldie, £1 13s. 9d.; Effingham-street Fire Station, 2s. 9d.; St. Lawrence Fire Station, 10s. 10d.; Thanet-road Fire Station, 12s. 4d.; Warden Mayes, 13s. 10½d.; Warden B7, 11s. 5½d.; Warden, School-lane, 14s. 7d.; Warden A2, 18s. 6d.; Warden E16 £1 4s. 3½d.; Nurse Taylor, 5s. 4d.; Nurse Miles, £1 8s. 5½d.; Nurse Meek, 18s. 6d.; Miss Tappenden, £1 10s. 2½d.; Miss Lewis, 13s. 1d.; Miss Moody, 4s. 9d.; Wren Valerie, £1 14s. 4½d.; Mrs. Waters, £1 19s. 11d.; Miss Walker, 15s. 5d.; Mrs. Graham, £1 15s. 3d.; Miss Cockburn, £1 14s. 3d.; Miss Moyes, 10s. 1d.; Miss Howells, £1 10s. 5½d.; Mrs. Blinko, 19s. 7½d.

Our Girls . . .

Once they watched
their men
marching away—
Waved—
and waited . . .
Now they too
march away,
arms swinging,
chins up—
March to war:
To grease and grime
with fair hands . . .
to blitz and barrage
with bright eyes . . .
they drive the lorry
they oil the wheels
they turn the planes
they load the bombs
On chart and plan
they send them forth,
they bring them home . . .
Through sleepless nights
and weary days
they toil
and fight . . .
And still they laugh—
Our girls
The fearless girls
Of Freedom.

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By our work—and our saving—
we pay tribute to these women.
Let us save and invest all we can.

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KEANE—ALLEN

WEDDING AT ABBEY CHURCH

Miss Maud Kathleen Allen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Allen, of 13 Dane-road, Ramsgate, was married at St. Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, on Thursday, to Tor.-Cxn. Stephen Eugene Keane, R.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Keane, of Kilkenny, Eire.

An old girl of St. George's Central School, the bride is a member of the staff of Broadstairs Food Office.

Given away by her father, she was attired in a dress of petrol blue crepe with Juliet cap to match, and her two attendants were her sister Winifred and Miss Elsie (Paddy) Betts. They wore dresses of coral and turquoise crepe with Juliet caps. The bride's bouquet was of cream and pink roses and the bridesmaids carried sweet peas.

The best man was Tpr. Frank Allen, Royal Armoured Corps, and, in addition to conducting the service, the Rev. Father Aidan McArdle played the organ and sang "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod).

Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Bromley, the bride travelling in a tan check costume with accessories of the same colour.

HEAVENLY MUSIC

C.E.M.A. CONCERT AT RAMSGATE

After an interval of four months, C.E.M.A. again delighted a Ramsgate audience at the Congregational Hall on Thursday. It made one realise how much those concerts had been missed.

Praise and gratitude should first be given to Madame Marie Korchinska, the harpist, who not only made "heavenly music" but accompanied the other soloists all through the concert. One would imagine that the harp as a solo instrument would prove a little dry to listen to, as its duty in an orchestra is to give shade and backgound, but under the fingers of such an artist it became alive, and there is evidently a great choice of music to be drawn upon. Glinka, the Russian composer, was the first to write music for the harp in his country in 1836. His variations on a Mozart theme were delightful. "Espagnol" by Tedeschi and "Villanesca" by Granados were two most suitable Spanish pieces as one had almost the impression that a guitar was used. An exquisite Nordic ballad by Poënitz a pupil of Brahms, was rendered with all due elegance and artistry.

Miss Sybil Eaton, our ever popular violinist, played two groups of solos. "Pasaglia" by Handel arranged by Hamilton Harty and an arrangement of a movement of Haydn's Serenade quartet, for harp and violin, which might well have been written for this unusual combination, the delicate melody losing none of its charm by the absence of the other instruments. Miss Eaton's second group comprised a Sonata in G major by Mozart in two movements, and this was again very well fitted for the blend of harp and violin.

Tatiana Makushina, so well known to millions of listeners, has the most gorgeous operatic voice and one feels almost awed by her pianissimos. Such a powerful voice can render the softest sound dying away in a murmur. When she sang "My heart ever faithful" by Bach, with violin obligato, the audience demanded an encore which was given very gracefully. She sang the first two songs in Russian, a lovely air from Pique-Dame, an opera of Tschaikowsky and Gretchaninof, "Pray for me and for you," then a Spanish traditional song in Spanish, "I am going to make a plait to tie you to me," also "Alleluia," in which her great voice went soaring up, filling the hall.

TO-MORROW WE LIVE

PAUL ROBESON AT KINGS

A film with a timely and topical subject, the first to be made in this country with the co-operation of General De Gaulle and the French National Committee, "Tomorrow We Live" is the attractive presentation at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, today and to-morrow.

Featuring John Clements, Godfrey Tearle, Hugh Sinclair and Greta Gynt, the picture deals with the heroic exploits of the fighting French in Nazi occupied France. Never more than now do we realise the extent of the gallant struggle of these undaunted men and women under enemy domination. We learn the horrors of Nazi treachery and how, in spite of it all, the Germans are kept continually on edge by the frustrations of these French patriots. "Pierre of the Plains," starring John Carroll and Ruth Hussey, is the supporting film.

The rich voice of Paul Robeson is heard again in "Sanders of the River," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Leslie Banks appears as Sanders, the British Resident, whose authority covers a large part of Central Africa. He is interested in the character of Bosambo (Paul Robeson) who makes himself king of the Ochoris before asking Sanders' permission but who proves to be a ruler capable of forcing peace and courage into the minds of his followers. Comedy relief is afforded in second feature, "Swing it Sailor," in which Wallace Ford and Isabel Jewell star.

PADDER TENNIS VICTORS

RAMSGATE C.D. SUCCESS

Teams from the South-Eastern Region "walked" away with the padder tennis and tenniquoit matches in London.

The occasion was a demonstration of physical recreation organised by the Civil Defence Sports Committee, and an address was given by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security and Chairman of the Civil Defence Comforts Fund.

A particularly pleasing item on the programme was a display of national dancing, given by a team of 12—all from the South-Eastern Region. The leader, Mrs. Haynes, of Margate, deserves high praise for her skill in bringing the team through with flying colours after having such little opportunity for combined rehearsal.

Those in the team were Mrs. Ferry Hough, Eastbourne; Miss Payne, Broadstairs; Mrs. Dennis, Gravesend; Miss Drake, Tunbridge Wells; Mrs. Sheppard, Tunbridge Wells; Mrs. Billing, Tunbridge Wells; Miss Law, Tunbridge Wells; Mrs. Burchett, Folkestone; Miss Todd, Canterbury; Ldg. Fwmn. Martlew, Brighton; Ldg. Fwmn. Ingram, Sheerness; and Fwmn. Potts, Chatham.

The padder tennis victors were Sgt. D. L. Brown and Miss R. G. Acott, of Ramsgate; and in tenniquoits, Fmn. Breeds and Fwmn. Hunt, of Lewes.

There was a representative gathering at the Central Hall, Westminster, where the event took place. Mr. S. F. Rous presided, and introduced Miss Wilkinson.

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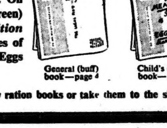

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RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

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Mrs. Churchill's Thanks.—Miss S. Spain has received a letter from Mrs. Churchill thanking her for the further donation of £5 5s. for the Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund realised as a result of the children's concert given recently at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Engagement.—The engagement is announced between Lt. Robert Quested Drayson, D.S.C., R.N.V.R., only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Drayson, of Broad End, Winterstoke-crescent, Ramsgate, and Rachel Jenkyns, W.R.N.S., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Jenkyns, of Repton, Derbyshire.

Pigeon Racing.—The pigeon race run from Exmouth by the Ramsgate and Margate Flying Clubs recently was won by J. Gisby, whose bird flew at an average speed of 1,452 yards per minute. R. Mannings (1,451) was second and M. Simmons (1,441) third. The birds were liberated at 10.35 a.m. and arrived about 3 p.m.

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POCKET CAVALCADE

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN ENTERTAIN

So popular was the Easter concert given by the children and teachers of St. George's Sunday School, Ramsgate, that they repeated the show in the parish hall on Thursday and again attracted a full house.

The chief feature of the entertainment which did credit to all who took part and particularly to the youngsters, some of them little more than toddlers, was a charming playlet, "Princess April," in which fairyland scenery added effect to the colourful and beautifully made costumes. The piece was a pocket cavalcade of the seasons in which Princess April eventually triumphed over the unpopular Witch Winter and her "henchman," Jack Frost, dressed in snowy white and wearing gloves representing icicles.

The large cast of children taking part in the playlet included M. Sandy, B. Sherrington, G. Williams, E. Kelson, S. Overy, J. Adams, P. Stonar, F. Gardner, D. Buchan, J. Todd, M. Harnett, S. Moffitt, P. Birch, A. Redman, E. Shaw, P. Bryant, M. Moon, B. Moon, J. Sherrington, A. Shaw, J. Chapman, G. Fleming, J. Moon, P. Prestedge and A. Jackson.

Another delightful effort by the kiddies was their presentation of nursery rhyme characters, including such favourites as Humpty-Dumpty, Little Bo-Peep, Tom the Piper's Son, Little Miss Muffitt, and Jack and Jill. They were represented by K. Gardner, P. Leroy, P. Champs, T. Leroy, K. York, G. Champs, C. Ashby, J. Bay, J. White, R. Pettman, M. Chapman and C. Boarder.

Contributions by the children also included recitations and songs by James Moon, Pat Bryant, Gordon Heming, Enid Shaw, Jean Todd, Marion Moon, Jean Champs and George Tidball, while Teresa Gardner gave her first piano solo in public.

The humour of the programme was provided by the teachers, and their sketch "Miss Mulligan's Girls" was a great success. Mrs. Jones, as Miss Mulligan, had an unenviable task in controlling her saucy girls, played by Messrs. H. S. Mirams, A. Kelson, L. Downs, E. Side, H. Waters and S. Dadds and Mrs. Prestedge, Mrs. Shaxted, Miss Shaxted, Miss Mann, Miss Cullen and Miss Spinner.

Mr. H. Waters' monologues were entertaining, particularly one in the Cyril Fletcher style, and Mr. F. G. Bowen came from St. Peter's to accompany him on the piano. An illustration of how not to run a firewatchers' post was provided in a funny sketch by Mrs. Jones, Miss Spinner, Mrs. Prestedge, Mr. A. Kelson and Mr. Roberts.

The "good-night" number was appropriate and well presented. Several children, each wearing pyjamas and carrying a candle, walked on to the stage and knelt down in a row, hands clasped in prayer, while the rest of the children sang a vesper hymn.

VYE'S REOPENING

Friday will see the reopening of the Queen-street, Ramsgate, branch of Messrs. Vye and Son, the Kentish grocers.

The firm's premises in Queen-street were destroyed when the enemy raided Ramsgate in August, 1940, and the branch is now being reopened at No. 67, opposite the old site.

Mr. J. B. Fenner, manager of the former shop, will be in charge.

Capt. Balfour and New World Order

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colossal importance and magnitude that we need the imagination, enterprise and determination of all nations, all parties, all schools of thought, each giving its particular contribution to the common pool, for this upward surging of goodwill and good intent must be shaped into an organisation which, in turn, must be clothed with authority with which to enforce its word against the transgressor.

World Council.

"Maybe some form of permanent world council will be set up. Below this there could be a number of international regional councils, each bound to the others by pacts of mutual goodwill, trust and promised aid. In building such a world federation we must look to the day when we can admit to this fellowship those men of goodwill at present outlawed, but who may yet survive to steer the Axis countries, purged of their vile rulers and pernicious systems, and who will speak for their countries in words of peace, freedom and progress.

"It is no good jobbing backwards to allot blame for the past—who can claim he is blameless—except for the purpose of learning lessons. Any man who claims to be acquitted of being thick-skulled or obstinate must review the present and look to the future without prejudice to the past.

"Take the issue of an international police force. In the 30's many of us, including myself, and I think rightly at the time, having regard to the degree of support given to the League of Nations and the line-up of the pre-1939 world, rejected this idea. To-day I, for one, accept the need for some form of international world police force after the war to keep the peace. This, probably, should not take the form of an internationally raised and owned force, but be formed by each of the united nations agreeing to hypothecate a certain portion of their own land, sea and air forces away from their own control in favour of control from the centre. When a state of emergency arose in any part of the world the world council, or one of the regional councils under a delegated authority, would call upon the international force joint general staff.

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In conclusion, Capt. Balfour told the young people that they were doing a grand job, but they had only just started so far as the reconstruction of the country was concerned, and it was to them that the country would look in the future.

Replying to a vote of thanks, Capt. Balfour said in May the Germans made their biggest effort to date with U-boats to attack our convoys. But Coastal Command aircraft sighted and attacked more than ever before and shipping losses were the lowest since the United States entered the war. It had just been announced from Washington that sinkings of our ships during the first two weeks in June were even lower than in the first two weeks in May. This did not mean, however, that the Battle of the Atlantic had been decided or was drawing to a close. The enemy were regrouping their forces for fighting somewhere else. "The Battle of the Atlantic is going pretty well," he concluded.

Capt. Balfour took the salute at a march past of the services and organisations on parade and afterwards visited the exhibition at the British Home Stores.

Visit of A.T.S. Band.

Many attractions are included in the programme of events for the week. Of particular interest will be the first visit to Thanet to-morrow afternoon of the official band of the A.T.S., for its formation in September, 1941, was due to the initiative of Miss Angela Stebbings, daughter of Brig. Gen. J. Morley Stebbings, a Ramsgate dentist before the war, who is now a prisoner of war in Italy.

Miss Stebbings, who was a private secretary before she joined the A.T.S., holds the rank of junior commandant and will be accompanying the band. When formed as a drum and bugle band, only two members could read a note of music. Now most of them have learnt to play more than one instrument, and in addition to being a drum and bugle band is also a brass band of nearly 30 members in great demand. They will arrive at Margate railway station at 1 p.m. and march to Cecil-square to be received by the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford). In the afternoon they will give a concert in Dane Park.

On Friday afternoon the band of the Royal Canadian Air Force, which has been formed in this country and broadcast many times, will visit the town and give a concert in Dane Park.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

C.E.M.A. GUARANTEE

Sir,—Under the heading "C.E.M.A. Concerts" an article has recently appeared in your newspaper describing an informal meeting held in Ramsgate on 31st May to discuss possible future C.E.M.A. concerts in Ramsgate and other Thanet towns. This article contains a rather misleading statement and I should be grateful if you would allow me to correct it in your columns.

It is stated that, at this meeting, Miss Sybil Eaton and I "explained that before we could undertake to give concerts we had to have a guarantee against loss of £25."

The proposition was, on the contrary, that C.E.M.A. should guarantee a local committee against loss in the organisation of a short series of concerts in the Thanet towns. No definite figure of any kind was mentioned in connection with the guarantee, and the suggestion was, in any case, a proposition only, dependent on several other factors.

It was, of course, rather difficult in the midst of a general and animated discussion to make a clear summing-up of the essential facts of the debate.

ALICE LIDDERDALE.
C.E.M.A. Regional Officer, S.E.

RED CROSS WHIST

A sum of £20 10s. was realised for the Red Cross funds by a whist drive held in the grounds of Westbeech, High-street, Ramsgate, on Thursday.

Lady Carson distributed the prizes to the following: Mrs. E. Blake, Mrs. Caswell, Mrs. Lowe, Mr. George Rose, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Pook, Mrs. Sparkes, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Eason, Mrs. Grainger, Mrs. Dynes, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Attwell, Mrs. Bateman and Mrs. Austin.

ATHLETIC FIREMEN

N.F.S. SPORTS AT RAMSGATE

The scene was reminiscent of peace-time when the Ramsgate and Broadstairs units of the National Fire Service held a sports meeting in Chatham House grounds, Ramsgate, on Saturday.

In a long and exciting programme of events members of the organisation showed a high standard of physical fitness, and competition was keen all through. The races over varying distances were particularly thrilling, some excellent times being recorded, and the large crowd were entertained, too, by ever popular novelty items such as pillow fighting on the greasy pole over an erected canvas tank, a comic football match and an obstacle race.

A particularly good performance was put up by Ldg. Fmn. Capp, of Broadstairs, who clocked 2 minutes 36 seconds in the half-mile. Part-time Fmn. Drake beat Section-Ldr. Williams, of Deal, in the high-jump but the visitor turned the tables in the long jump, leaping a distance of only half an inch more than his rival.

The attractions on the field also included side shows and during the afternoon Mr. Leslie Hogbin auctioned garden produce, his persuasive efforts realising the useful sum of £11. Altogether, with income from other sources, including a dance attended later by 250 people in the gymnasium, about £25 was raised and this amount will be devoted to the N.F.S. dependents' fund.

The sports were well organised under the direction of Ldg. Fmn. Mitchell and valuable help on the field was given by Sergeant-Major Trinder, Royal Marines, and a staff of six physical training instructors from the same service.

Among those attending the sports was Divisional-Officer L. G. Denne, who inspected the football teams before they played their very unorthodox match.

The Winners

The results (all competitors Ramsgate except where otherwise stated) were as follows:

100 yards, over 40—1, Fmn. Markwick (Broadstairs) (13 3/5 secs.); 2, Fmn. Coleman (Broadstairs). Under 40—1, Sec. Ldr. Tucker (12 2/5 secs.); 2, Fmn. Cowell.

880 yards—1, Ldg. Fmn. Capp (Broadstairs) (2 mins. 36 secs.); 2, Ldg. Fmn. L. Brown; 3, Ldg. Fmn. L. White.

Three-legged race—1, Ldg. Fmn. Mitchell and Fwmn. Cork; 2, Fmn. Cowell and Fwmn. Cribben; 3, Ldg. Fmn. White and Fwmn. Warden.

Sack race—1, Mne. Farr; 2, Mne. Duffy; 3, Ldg. Fmn. Brockman (Broadstairs).

Slow cycle race—1, Fmn. Moffitt; 2, Ldg. Fmn. S. Radford.

Tug-of-war, inter-station—Broadstairs beat St. Lawrence station. Open—Sub-Div. 3 (Deal) beat Ramsgate Police.

High jump—1, Fmn. Drake (4ft. 6ins.); 2, Sec. Ldr. Williams (Deal).

Long jump—1, Sec. Ldr. Williams (Deal) (16ft.); 2, Pt.-time Fmn. Drake (15ft. 11½ins.).

880 yards team relay—Thanet-road station (Ldg. Fmn. Samm, Fmn. Taylor, Fmn. Peete and Fmn. Yorath) beat Northwood station.

100 yards, over 12, boys—1, Frank Low; 2, D. Giraud; 3, M. Mitchell. Girls—1, S. Gower; 2, A. Shaw; 3, F. Matthews.

75 yards, under 12, boys—1, R. Philpott; 2, T. Radford; 3, M. Buckley. Girls—1, A. Shaw; 2, S. Gower; 3, A. Wait.

50 yards, under 8—1, F. Perkins; 2, D. E. Fennell; 3, D. F. Fennell.

Throwing the cricket ball—1, Mne. Farr; 2, Mne. Wise; 3, Mne. Ridgeway.

Pillow-fighting—Ldg. Fmn. Woodlands beat Col. Off. Smith, Com. Off. Pritchard, Com. Off. Goodban and Ldg. Fmn. S. Radford.

Ldg. Fmn. Hitch and Fmn. MacDonald were the recorders, and the stalls, which included darts, skittles and billiards, were managed by Firemen W. Preston, T. Fennell, E. Giraud, E. Spain and C. S. Richards. Fmn. Staynes was in charge of the "treasure island."

A humorous running commentary was given at the "mike" by Com. Off. Pritchard.

READING STREET AID

FOR WINGS FOR VICTORY

Through the generous efforts of Mr. C. R. Brown, popular licensee of the White Swan, Reading Street is to play its part in the social side of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Wings for Victory Week, which is being held from 26th June to 3rd July.

The week will be given a send-off on Friday by a grand dance at St. Andrew's Hall.

Mr. Brown is paying all the expenses of the event and providing 12 spot prizes. Admission is 1s. and proceeds will be devoted to the Wings for Victory funds.

Dancing to music by a Royal Artillery band will be from 7 to 11 p.m. and a merry night is promised.

Red Cross Dance.—Two hundred and fifty people attended a dance organised by Mrs. Lucas in aid of the Red Cross, held at Minster Parish Hall. The sum of £6 was raised.

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A BIG PROGRAMME

BROADSTAIRS WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

A big programme has been planned by the organisers of Broadstairs Wings for Victory Week, which begins on Saturday.

Supporting the effort to raise £50,000 as the contribution of Broadstairs and St. Peter's to the Thanet combined target of £300,000, is a week of social events including dances, sports, a boxing tournament, fete, and a whist drive, while the great centre of attraction will be the exhibition at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion.

The week will open impressively on Saturday with a procession from the round-about, St. Peter's, to Broadstairs Picture House, where Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, will perform the opening ceremony. As the parade marches down High-street, Broadstairs, Capt. Balfour will take the salute from the war memorial outside Pierremont Hall.

The afternoon's programme will also include Royal Artillery sports at Stone House School fields, Lanthorne-road, and the day will close with a dance, organised by a coast regiment, at Bohemia. The 438 (Thanet) Squadron, Air Training Corps, will parade at Pierremont pleasure grounds on Sunday morning, and in the afternoon there is to be a cricket match at Hildersham House between Broadstairs and a Royal Air Force team.

Monday will see the opening of the exhibition at the Pavilion and the show will be open every day throughout the week.

Tuesday's events include a whist drive at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, and children—and adults, too—will be able to enjoy themselves at Pierremont pleasure grounds on the following day when a fete and baby show is to be held.

Lovers of boxing will see a good display in the same grounds on the Thursday, when a tournament is being presented by the Army. If wet, the show will take place on the Saturday at the same place.

The week's events conclude on the Saturday with a children's sports meeting at St. Peter's recreation ground and another dance at Bohemia arranged by a coast regiment.

Results of the economy cake competition will be announced at the exhibition on the Thursday, the prizes will be presented and the entries auctioned.

Particulars of the times of events will be found in the advertisement.

BROADSTAIRS

Will.—Mr. Samuel Nash, of Luton-avenue, Broadstairs, a retired butcher and ex-chairman of Broadstairs Council, who died on 15th January, at the age of 76, left £24,962 (net personalty £17,380).

Open-Air Fete.—A children's open-air fete to be held at Pierremont Pleasure Grounds on 30th June in connection with Broadstairs Wings for Victory Week, will include a baby show, a pet's corner and donkey rides.

Whist Winners.—Mrs. Barker, Mr. Torr, Mr. Bullard, Mr. Smith, Mr. Adams and L/Bdr. Hall were the prizewinners at the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel. Miss Jenkins, who won a special prize, returned it to the R.N.O.C.A. benevolent fund.

C.E.M.A. Concert.—A musical recital presented by the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts was heard by 300 people at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday. The soprano singing of Tatiana Makushina included a traditional Russian creed, selections from Bach and a group of tunes by the Wesley family were played on the organ by Dr. Eric Thiman, who accompanied Sybil Eaton (violinist) in Handel's "Sonata in D major" and Bach's "Air on the G string." The sum of £5 17s. was realised by a collection for the extension of C.E.M.A's work in music.

Wedding.—Only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Taylor, of 19 Church-street, St. Peter's, Miss Irene Doris Taylor was married at Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Broadstairs, to Acm. George William Harnett, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harnett, of Victoria-road, Margate. The Rev. Father Wilfred Emery conducted the service and the three fighting services were represented by the relatives and friends present. Her youngest brother, Kenneth, gave away the bride and Mr. Victor Denton was best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Hicks and Miss Betty Cayley.

Death of Mr. A. H. Brooks.—Invalided from the Army three years ago, Mr. Alfred Harry Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brooks, of 42 Westover-road, St. Peter's, passed away on Tuesday. After his discharge from the service, Mr. Brooks, who was 29, was employed as a postman at Broadstairs. He formerly played football for St. Andrew's Boys' Club and was a member of the Broadstairs Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., and the Broadstairs branch of the British Legion. Mr. Brooks leaves a widow and two small daughters. The funeral will take place at St. Peter's to-morrow.

Funeral of Mr. H. R. Shersby.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Wednesday of Mr. Harry Robert Shersby, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. Shersby, of 3 Serene-place, Sowell-street, St. Peter's, who died at St. Alban's Hospital. Mr. Shersby, whose wife lives in Hertfordshire, was 48 years old and he was invalided from the Royal Navy 12 months ago. He joined the service after attending St. Peter's School, fought in the last war and retired when the present war began, but was recalled as a reservist. He reached the rank of chief petty officer. The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge) officiated at the committal service and the family mourners were the widow, Mr. E. A. Shersby, P/O H. A. Shersby, R.N., Cpl. S. Shersby, R.A.F., and Mr. J. Shersby (brothers).

Templar Hymns.—Many favourite hymns were sung at the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Mrs. L. A. Ware, C.T., presided and a welcome was given to Pte. A. Baker, home on leave, and Mr. A. B. Impett, who returned after an illness of some months. Among those who sent messages and contributions to the programme were Mrs. E. Perry (Buckingham), Mrs. Sidney Smith (Tring), Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. D. Young (Ash), Miss E. Whitehead (Herne), Mr. T. E. Martin (Shirley), Mr. Mrs. and Miss Gamester (Weybridge), Mrs. A. T. Whittle (Watford), Rev. George Ward (Dartford), Rev. P. W. James, O.B.E., R.A.F., Pte. R. Pointer, Sqdn.-Ldr. E. McCabe, R.A.F., and Mrs. McCabe, Pte. R. H. Whiteley (with the Eighth Army), Sig. H. McCabe, R.C.S. (First Army), and Mr. M. D. Faulkner (Dover). Mrs. Isaacs, acting chaplain, conducted an intercession service, a report on juvenile work was given by Mrs. L. A. Ware, S.J.T., and Mr. T. E. McCabe, L.D., thanked all who had contributed to the programme.

Helping the Sailors.—Mr. W. Loveday was M.C. at a whist drive held in aid of the British Sailors' Society at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday. There were ten tables in play, £1 4s. 2d. was realised, and the prizewinners were Mrs. Chilton, Mrs. Fright, Mrs. Jezard, Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Wooley, Miss Linnett and Mr. Hartles.

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FREEDOM IN WAR-TIME

RESULTS OF RESTRAINT

By DR. ERNEST BARKER

For ordinary men and women freedom to-day, in any usual sense of the word, is very largely gone. Our persons and our property were commandeered by the State, under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act of May 1940, three years ago; and we were required "to place ourselves, our services, and our property, at the disposal of His Majesty." We are now moved about; we are told what to do, and in what job to engage; we are told what to spend and what not to spend, and the long arm of taxation reaches into our innermost coffers. We have become, in a sense, what our enemies are, in order not to be what they are; and we are slowly digesting that paradox.

That is only part of the matter; and it is not even the greater part. If we have put on the yoke, we have put it on freely; and we have put it on for love of the cause for which it is freely borne. Nor is that all. We have not only put it on freely: we also wear it freely, and in a manner becoming free men. The general control of our lives is a democratic control. Parliament regularly meets: it discusses every chafing of the yoke: it seeks, by all means in its power, to ease the chafing. The control of industry, in particular, is democratic as well as authoritarian. As long ago as November 1st. 1939, a Joint Advisory Council, consisting of fifteen representatives of the Trades Union Congress and as many representatives of the British Employers' Federation, with the Minister of Labour as Chairman, was set up to advise the Government on all matters in which employers and workers have common interest. Along the same lines, and complementary to this national body, a large number of joint production committees are now at work in our factories and workshops. Labour has entered more and more into its own, and is taking an increasing share in the control of the national effort.

Lives of Regimentation

But the control remains. For the millions of men and women who are not members of national bodies or local committees, it is the dominant fact. They are no longer living the life of free contract, or enjoying the liberty of coming and going: they are living the life of regimentation, and subject to centurions, who "say to this man, Go, and he goeth, and to another, Come, and he cometh." In these conditions the invincible passion for freedom still asserts itself: but it asserts itself in curious and highly questionable ways. It may assert itself, for instance, in stealing: it may assert itself, in a still more elementary and crude way, in damaging railway carriages and slashing cinema seats. There is a good deal of State property, or of more or less anonymous property, scattered about the country in these days; and an undisciplined freedom is ready to steal, or to damage, such property. The very system of rationing impairs respect for property. Coupons seem to matter more than cash in acquiring a title to goods and comestibles: and a slippery road may lead many to feel that cunning matters even more than coupons or cash. There is a story of a small evacuated boy who came home one day to his quarters with a leg of mutton. "Where did you get that?" he was asked. "Oh," he answered, "I got it in a queue." Where there are queues and pushing, there may also be something more. At any rate it seems that stealing is a growing habit among us—stealing, and sometimes "slashing." There is another story of a damaged railway carriage in which there was found the simple inscription, "Train late, so seat slashed." Freedom asserts itself in very curious ways.

Wild Freedom

Another way is the way of sex. The ways of men are much controlled in these days; but one thing that eludes control is the way of a man with a woman. It is an old observation, as old as the history of man, that war is a time of sexual irregularity. We have now two things upon us—not only war, with all its incentives and provocations, but also an unprecedented degree of regulation and control, of compulsory movement and compulsory settlement, which removes men and women from their old ways of life, and submits them to new and austere disciplines. Freedom breaks out in romance, or passion, or pure lust. At any rate it seems that, just like stealing, sexual irregularity is becoming a growing habit of many. It is a way of freedom—wild and lawless freedom, but none the less, of something imagined and regarded as freedom.

These thing are, of course, in no sense freedom. They are substitutes, counterfeits, shams. But they are examples of an imagined and misconceived freedom. As such, they suggest a moral, or at any rate a reflection. If freedom can run wild in days of control, it would seem to be wise that, as soon as possible, and as soon as the yoke can be safely removed, freedom should be allowed to run true in its old traditional channels. It will assert itself as a wild thing if it finds no other way—and that means going back to the wilds and the jungle. We must find ways, as soon as we can, to let it assert itself as a civilised thing, within the broadest limits which law and the moral rule can permit. It is a temptation of many, seeing the efficiency and order of a controlled and planned system in time of war, to dream of a continuation of the efficiency and order by a planned system in time of peace. But the control imposed in war time is a control accompanied by aberrations and by what Milton calls a "tending to wild." There would be even greater aberrations and even more of a "tending to wild," under a system of control in time of peace, which would be the more drastic, and perhaps the more resented, because there would be far less prospect of its being dropped or changed.

Wisdom suggests that we should not scheme a world after the war on the lines of a world at war. If we do, ginger may be hot in the mouth. The sooner that men can be got back to old freedoms, the less likely is their indulgence in new and wild freedoms. The best guarantee against licence is the maximum of liberty. I should therefore look forward to the resumption of the habits of a free world when these times are over-passed, and I should argue that that was best in the interests of morality and the keeping of the Commandments.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Engagements, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Board.—9th June, at Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, to Nellie (née Titmus), wife of S. C. Board, of Ramsgate, of a daughter (Hilary); a sister for Rosemary.

MARRIAGES

Fearnley—Drayson.—19th June, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. D. Mayhew, Cpl. James Fearnley, R.A.F., second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Fearnley, of Wrose, Shipley, Yorks, to Myrna Ivy Drayson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Drayson, of 28 Dane-crescent, Ramsgate.

Harnett—Taylor.—14th June, at the Roman Catholic Church, Broadstairs, George William Harnett, of Margate, to Irene Doris Taylor, of St. Peter's.

Keane—Allen.—17th June, at St. Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. Father Aidan McArdle, Tor.-Cxn. Stephen Eugene Keane, R.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Keane, of Kilkenny, Eire, to Maud Kathleen Allen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Allen, of 13 Dane-road, Ramsgate.

Smith—Milgate.—12th June, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, William Smith, of Woodstock, to Alice M. Milgate, of Birchington.

DEATHS

Newling.—12th June, Elizabeth Jessie Newling, of St. Heliers, Crescent-road, Ramsgate, passed peacefully away after a long illness.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Miss Mercy Danton wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy and floral tributes sent.
—13 St. Patrick's-road, Ramsgate.

IN MEMORIAM

Norman.—In affectionate remembrance of Hulbert Charles Norman, Headmaster of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, who died 17th June, 1937. Remembered by School, Staff and Old Boys.

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